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PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The fifth session of the Committee on the Rights of the Child will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 10 to 28 January 1994. The first meeting of the session will be convened on Monday, 10 January 1994, at 10.30 a.m.

2. In accordance with rule 6 of the provisional rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has prepared, in consultation with the Chairperson of the Committee, the attached provisional agenda for the fifth session. Annotations to the provisional agenda are also attached.

3. Pursuant to rule 32 of the provisional rules of procedure, the meetings of the Committee shall be held in public unless the Committee decides otherwise.

4. The attention of the States parties is drawn, in particular, to the annotations to item 5, containing the list of reports that will be before the Committee at its fifth session.

5. A pre-sessional working group, established in accordance with rule 63 of the provisional rules of procedure, met at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 15 to 19 November 1993.

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Provisional agenda

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Annotations

Item 1. Adoption of the agenda

1. Under rule 8 of the provisional rules of procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda shall be the adoption of the agenda, except for the election of officers when required under rule 16. In accordance with rule 9 of the provisional rules of procedure, the Committee may revise the agenda and may, as appropriate, add, defer or delete items. Only urgent or important items may be added to the agenda.

Item 2. Organizational and other matters

2. Under this item, the Committee may wish to consider its programme of work for the session, as well as any other matter concerning the modalities of discharging its functions under the Convention.

Item 3. Information by the secretariat on action taken pursuant to decisions adopted by the Committee at its previous sessions

3. Under this item, the Committee will be provided with information on action taken pursuant to the recommendations adopted by the Committee at its fourth session concerning the convening of a special session in 1994, the strengthening of the support to the Committee, the cooperation with other United Nations bodies and treaty bodies, as well as the question of children in armed conflicts.

Item 4. Submission of reports by States parties in accordance with article 44 of the Convention

4. Initial reports under article 44 were due in 1992 from the 57 States parties as listed in document CRC/C/3. Under rule 67 of the provisional rules of procedure, the Secretary-General is required to notify the Committee at each session of all cases of non-submission of reports. Accordingly, the 36 States parties whose initial reports were due in 1992 but which had not been received as at 22 November 1993 are listed below:

State party	Date on which initial report was due
Bangladesh	1 September 1992
Belize	1 September 1992
Benin	1 September 1992
Bhutan	1 September 1992
Ecuador	1 September 1992
Ghana	1 September 1992
Guatemala	1 September 1992
Guinea	1 September 1992
Holy See	1 September 1992
Kenya	1 September 1992

State party	Date on which initial report was due
Mauritius	1 September 1992
Mongolia	1 September 1992
Saint Kitts and Nevis	1 September 1992
Senegal	1 September 1992
Sierra Leone	1 September 1992
Togo	1 September 1992
Gambia	6 September 1992
Uganda	15 September 1992
Guinea-Bissau	18 September 1992
Seychelles	6 October 1992
Zimbabwe	10 October 1992
Venezuela	12 October 1992
Nepal	13 October 1992
Mali	19 October 1992
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	20 October 1992
Portugal	20 October 1992
Brazil	23 October 1992
Zaire	26 October 1992
Malta	29 October 1992
Niger	29 October 1992
Chad	31 October 1992
Nicaragua	3 November 1992
Barbados	7 November 1992
Burundi	17 November 1992
Grenada	4 December 1992
Uruguay	19 December 1992

5. The Secretary-General, by notes verbales sent on 3 November 1993, requested those States parties whose initial reports were due in 1992 and which had not yet been received to submit their reports as soon as possible.

6. The list of 46 States parties whose initial reports under article 44 of the Convention are due in 1993 appears in document CRC/C/8/Rev.2. The 34 States parties whose initial reports were due by 19 November 1993 but which had not yet been received as at 22 November 1993 are listed below:

State party	Date on which initial report was due
Angola	3 January 1993
Djibouti	4 January 1993
Panama	10 January 1993
Australia	15 January 1993
Malawi	31 January 1993

State party	Date on which initial report was due
Yugoslavia	1 February 1993
Guyana	12 February 1993
Côte d'Ivoire	5 March 1993
Cyprus	8 March 1993
Maldives	12 March 1993
Bahamas	21 March 1993
Dominica	11 April 1993
Nigeria	18 May 1993
Yemen	30 May 1993
Lao People's Democratic Republic	6 June 1993
Ethiopia	12 June 1993
Jamaica	12 June 1993
Lebanon	12 June 1993
Sao Tome and Principe	12 June 1993
Mauritania	14 June 1993
Slovenia	24 June 1993
Bulgaria	2 July 1993
Poland	6 July 1993
United Republic of Tanzania	9 July 1993
Dominican Republic	10 July 1993
Finland	19 July 1993
Sri Lanka	10 August 1993
Cuba	19 September 1993
Italy	4 October 1993
Croatia	7 October 1993
Israel	1 November 1993
Hungary	5 November 1993
Estonia	19 November 1993
Kuwait	19 November 1993

7. The list of 25 States parties whose initial reports under article 44 of the Convention are due in 1994 appears in document CRC/C/11/Rev.3.

8. Under this item, the Committee will also have before it a note by the Secretary-General concerning the States parties to the Convention and the status of submission of reports (CRC/C/22), as well as a note by the Secretary-General on the status of consideration of reports under article 44 of the Convention (CRC/C/23).

Item 5. Consideration of reports of States parties

9. A tentative timetable for consideration of reports at the fifth session, prepared by the Secretary-General in consultation with the Chairperson and subject to approval by the Committee, is given below:

Tentative timetable for consideration of reports of States parties

Tuesday, 11 January 1994	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Mexico	CRC/C/3/Add.11
	3 p.m.-6 p.m.	" (cont'd)	"
Thursday, 13 January 1994	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Namibia	CRC/C/3/Add.12
	3 p.m.-6 p.m.	" (cont'd)	"
Monday, 17 January 1994	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Colombia	CRC/C/8/Add.3
	3 p.m.-6 p.m.	" (cont'd)	"
Wednesday, 19 January 1994	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	France	CRC/C/3/Add.15
	3 p.m.-6 p.m.	" (cont'd)	"
Friday, 21 January 1994	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Romania	CRC/C/3/Add.16
	3 p.m.-6 p.m.	" (cont'd)	"
Monday, 24 January 1994	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Pakistan	CRC/C/3/Add.13
	3 p.m.-6 p.m.	" (cont'd)	"
Wednesday, 26 January 1994	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Belarus	CRC/C/3/Add.14
	3 p.m.-6 p.m.	" (cont'd)	"

10. In accordance with rule 68 of the provisional rules of procedure, representatives of the States parties shall be invited to attend the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined. Such representatives should be able to answer questions which may be put to them by the Committee and make statements on reports already submitted by their Government, and may also submit further information.

11. In accordance with rule 68 of the Committee's provisional rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has notified the States parties concerned of the opening date, duration and place of the fifth session of the Committee at which their respective reports will be examined and has invited them to send representatives to attend the meetings of the Committee at which their reports will be examined.

Item 6. System of documentation and information

12. Under this item, the Committee may wish to continue discussing issues relating to the system of information and documentation relevant to the work of the Committee, including the question of the establishment of a computerized network. The Committee may also wish to pursue the discussion started at the consultative meeting on 9 October 1993, organized in cooperation with UNICEF, in which various United Nations and other competent bodies in the field of the rights of the child participated.

Item 7. Question of indicators

13. Under this item, the Committee will continue to examine the issue of indicators that could contribute to a better assessment of the implementation of the Convention. It may wish to envisage follow-up measures, in the light of the conclusions and recommendations adopted by the expert seminar on appropriate indicators to measure achievements in the progressive realization of economic, social and cultural rights, held at Geneva from 25 to 29 January 1993 (A/CONF.157/PC/73), and of the discussions held during the 9 October 1993 consultative meeting.

Item 8. Follow-up on the general discussion on "Protection of the child against economic exploitation"

14. In accordance with rule 75 of its provisional rules of procedure, the Committee devoted one day at its fourth session, 4 October 1993, to a general discussion on the topic "Protection of the child against economic exploitation". The Committee may wish to consider various measures it could take as a follow-up to that general discussion, in the light of proposals to be submitted to it by a working group.

Item 9. Cooperation with other United Nations bodies and specialized agencies

15. Under this item, the Committee may wish to examine ways to strengthen further its interaction and cooperation with United Nations bodies and specialized agencies active in the field of the rights of the child, with a view to ensuring that the human rights and the situation of children in general are regularly reviewed and monitored by all relevant organs and mechanisms of the United Nations system.

Item 10. Methods of work of the Committee

16. Under this item, the Committee may wish to pursue its discussion concerning the organization of its future work, the procedure to be followed in the consideration of reports by States parties and their follow-up, and the urgent procedure adopted at its second session.

Item 11. Future meetings

17. Under this item, the Committee will be informed of any developments relating to the schedule of its future meetings.

Item 12. Other matters

18. Under this item, members may wish to discuss such other matters relating to the work of the Committee as may be necessary.

Item 13. Biennial report of the Committee on its activities

19. In accordance with article 44, paragraph 5, of the Convention, the Committee shall submit, every two years, reports on its activities to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council.

20. The annual report to be submitted to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session will include the activities of the Committee at its second, third, fourth and fifth sessions.